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***Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles***  
***Commissioner Melody A. Currey***  
***Veterans' Affairs Committee***  
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**S.B. No. 292 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' LICENSE PLATE FEES.**

Good afternoon Senator Leone, Representative Hennessy, Senator Welch, Representative Yaccarino and other members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 292 AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' LICENSE PLATE FEES. This proposal would exempt the motor vehicle registration fee for all veterans as defined in Section 27-103(a). Currently only disabled veterans, as defined in 14-254, are exempt from registration fees.

DMV has some concerns regarding the dramatic expansion of qualifying veterans. This expansion of the registration exemption for all honorably discharged veterans is estimated to result in an annual revenue loss of approximately \$10 million to the Special Transportation Fund (STF). This estimate is based upon approximately 230,000 veterans residing in Connecticut who would potentially qualify for this exemption for a motor vehicle registration(s).

In addition, there would be a significant impact on DMV's Modernization Project (CIVLS) that is currently underway. With this proposed change, DMV would need to modify the software coding resulting in additional unplanned costs and potential delays in implementation.

The Department of Motor Vehicles currently offers veterans and members of the military various benefits such as exemptions from certain fees, including free driver license renewals for active military persons and other benefits to both veterans and active military personnel as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this legislation.